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PowerMed, Inc., as assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the application for patent entitled **ELECTRO-MECHANICAL SURGICAL DEVICE**, filed on April 17, 2001 as U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/836,781, does hereby appoint, Patrick J. Birde, Reg. No. 29,770, Michelle M. Carniaux, Reg. No. 36,098 and Clifford A. Ulrich, Reg. No. 42,194 as its attorneys/agents with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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